

## **Director's Message: Student Yearbook 2015**

Dear Friends:

It is with a mixed feeling that I see you leave IITGN: happy to see another batch of extremely talented and accomplished complete their studies here, and sad to have my 'bachchaas' leave. Yes, there is a contradiction here. On one side I take great pride that we treat our undergraduates as responsible adults, as our colleagues, and as our equals. On the other hand, I call undergraduates 'bachchaas'. But, did I ever say that life is always rational!

You are a very special group of students. It is on your batch that we first implemented our very uniquely designed undergraduate curriculum. The 5-week Foundation Programme was first tried on your batch and its success has brought a lot of appreciation for the Institute from academia in and outside the country. As you have heard me say often, the objective of IITGN education has been to prepare engineering leaders; individuals that will address societal needs and will make an impact on the lives of our people. Hence, our curriculum is designed to provide a T-shaped education, wherein the students must "*know something about everything, and everything about something.*" It has strong interdisciplinary focus and a very sizeable content of Humanities and Social Sciences. Your success in life will be a strong endorsement of this very innovative curriculum and we all will look at you in the years ahead with great anticipation.

If today IITGN provides possibly the best undergraduate education in the country, it is not only due to a great curriculum and extremely engaged and enthusiastic faculty, but also due to its highly mature and responsible students such as you. Your batch will be particularly known for its maturity, engagement and leadership: the other day, my faculty colleagues mentioned that your batch did not have "a few leaders" but that everyone in your batch was a leader. Your batch has shown extraordinary passion for societal concerns, for entrepreneurship, and for studies; what more could I ask of you?

As you enter into the real world, I am sure you will find that you are very well equipped in taking decisions and in keeping yourself grounded to the realities. Life is not always fair and rational, and one must navigate through numerous challenges. I hope that you will bring pride to your family, your teachers and well wishers, and to your alma mater.

Having given you its best, IITGN does expect that you will continue to remain engaged as alumni and will contribute to the Institute in whatever capacity so that its students in the future will continue to receive the best possible education that 21<sup>st</sup> century can provide to youngsters.

And finally, I hope that you will not only have the wisdom and courage to handle your failures well, but that you will also manage your successes well; success is not always easy to handle. My best wishes.

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